

## Explanation of variances – pro forma for local councils

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The NALC/SLCC 'Practitioners Guide' (paragraph 2.15 onwards) provides guidance on explaining significant variances. Please provide explanations for the following:

- Variances of more than 15% between totals for individual boxes (except variances of less than £200);
- If the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept value (Box 2).

Section 1	2016/17 £	2017/18 £	Variance £	Variance %	Detailed explanation of variance (with amounts £)
<b>Box 2</b> Precept	13768	18798	+5030	+137	£13768 in previous year, increased to £18798 to fund lighting upgrade programme.
<b>Box 3</b> Other Receipts	2542	29043	+26501	+1143	£27140 loan from PWLB for lighting upgrade; £1378 donation from PFA - less fountain refurbishment £691 and £1342 in loan repayment.
<b>Box 4</b> Staff costs	5338	4528	-810	-15	In 2016/17, staff costs £5538 due to tax refund of £904.
<b>Box 5</b> Loan Interest/ Capital repayments	0	1342	+1342	+1342	New cost to Parish Council due to upgrade of village lighting to LED.
<b>Box 6</b> Other Payments	18314	40281	+21967	+220	Upgrade of village street lighting to LED.
<b>Box 9</b> Fixed assets & long term Assets	87615	109443	+21828	+125	Upgrade of village street lighting to LED and replacement posts, where necessary - cost £27008 less assets disposed of (old lamps) - £5180.
<b>Box 10</b> Borrowings	0	25901	+25901	+25901	Upgrade of village street lighting to LED - PWLB loan.
<b>Explanation For 'high' reserves</b>	N/A.				